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URBAN DISTRICT OF FAILSWORTH.

the

Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Senior Public Health Inspector

for the year 1973

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF FAILSWORTH

HEALTH COMMITTEE 1973 - 74

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Public Health Department,
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1st March 1974.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

In the introductory letter to my Annual Report for 1972, I referred to the probability that, having regard to the timetable of Local Government and National Health Service Reorganisation, it was unlikely that a similar Report for 1973 could be presented to existing Authorities before this demise on 31st March 1974. Much of the essential data normally presented in Annual Reports of the Medical Officer of Health and Senior Public Health Inspector is not available until the second quarter of the following year - for example population data supplied by the Registrar-General, or data collected locally from other agencies of Local Government.

Within the last few days however, the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health and Social Security has written to all Medical Officers of Health requesting that, wherever possible, Local Authority Health Departments should prepare an Annual Report, albeit abbreviated, for 1973, to ensure that it can be made available - updated if necessary - to successor Authorities. With the present pressure of work in Local Authority Health Departments it would in any case be impossible at present to prepare the report in its usual form. There is moreover the problem that it will be impossible to present this formally to Councils in the usual way.

In consultation with other officers in the Department, I am, therefore arranging that this report will be based on the information available locally at 28th February 1974, in the hope that it can be ready for duplication by about 11th March, and despatched about 15th March. I would hope that it can be formally accepted by those Councils meeting after that date, but members of Authorities will appreciate that there is no statutory need for them to formally approve or accept the report - the obligation is on the Medical Officer to present it.

In order to reduce the clerical workload we have attempted to prune comment drastically and to concentrate on presenting in tabular form such data as is available, on the assumption that this will be of most use as a matter of record and to those of you who will be serving as members of new Authorities - whether Metropolitan District Councils, Health Authorities or associated Advisory Consultative Bodies. We have attempted where possible to give "estimated" figures based on local returns where corrected annual figures are not yet available, e.g. the Total Deaths by multiplying the deaths in the first eleven months of the year by 12/11.

We have had to eliminate completely certain sections where available data is either so incomplete as to preclude "estimates", or where analysis of existing data would be so time-consuming as to delay our printing and distribution of the report.

I am acutely conscious that this report is thus, in many respect, a mush less informative document than those of my predecessors, whose high standards I have endeavoured to maintain. Yet I am delighted at the belated recognition of their value as an irreplaceable source of local information; it is perhaps an indication that the planners and legislators for the Reorganised Local Government and Health Service have suddenly realised that Local Authority Health Departments were geared to the publication of information that would not otherwise have been generally available.

In just four weeks the honourable office of Medical Officer of Health will pass into history, the phoenix of "Community Physicians" rising from the ashes. It is not for me to forecast how effective the new systems of Health Care will eventually prove - I would only again ask that Members of Authorities, and the public, make reasonable allowance for those problems and confusion that may arise in the immediate future when those of us with any Administrative responsibilities are trying to get the new machinery into operation. I personally am proud to have held office as Medical Officer of Health and to have had the opportunity to serve in the National Health Service since its inception in 1948.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

Yours sincerely,

Gilbert R. Brackenridge
Medical Officer of Health

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VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births (Total)			308
	Males	Females	
	159	149	
Stillbirths			1
Stillbirths rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			3.2
Total live and stillbirths			309
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year) (up to 31st October 1973)			8
Neo-natal Mortality rate (up to 31st October 1973)			2.0
Early neo-natal mortality rate (up to 31st October 1973)			2.0
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)			NIL
Total deaths (all ages) (estimated)			254

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF VITAL STATISTICS

		1973	1972	1971	1963
Live Births	No.	308	335	391	444
Stillbirths	No.	1	3	7	9
Total Live and Stillbirths	No.	309	338	398	453
Total Infant Deaths	No.	Up to 31.10.73 8	7	4	8
Maternal Deaths	No.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Deaths	No.	280	241	259	227

1971 Census - Summary Population Groups -- (Corrected)

		1971	
Total Population (Both Sexes)		23,280	%
Child Popln.	All pre-school (0 - 4 incl)	2,160	9.5
	All school (5 - 14 incl)	3,920	17
	Total Children Under 15	6,080	26.5
Total Males 15 -- 64 (Male Working Population)		7,265	31
Females	15-44 "Reproductive population"	4,615	20
	45 - 60	2,160	9
Elderly Persons	Females 60 and over	2,225	9.5
	Males 65 and over	900	4
	Total Pensionable	3,155	13

Note Numerical total correct to nearest 5

% expressed to nearest 0.5%

1971 CENSUS

ANALYSIS OF HOUSEHOLDS/DWELLINGS IN DISTRICT

HOUSEHOLDS			8,025	%
"Households"	Owner-occupied		5,410	68
	Local Authority Owned		1,285	16
	Rented Unfurnished		1,300	16
	Other Types Tenure		35	0%
	TOTAL HOUSEHOLDS		8,025	%
"Households"	Without use of	Hot Water System	395	5
		Fixed Bath	840	10.5
		W.C.	15	0%
	With exclusive use of hot water, fixed bath and inside F.W.C.		6,485	81

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1973

The full revised list of diseased notifiable to the Medical Officer of Health is now as follows:-

Anthrax
Cholera
Diphtheria
Encephalitis (Acute)
Food Poisoning
Infective Jaundice
Leprosy
Leptospirosis
Malaria
Measles
Meningitis (Acute)
Ophthalmia Neonatorum
Paratyphoid Fever
Plague
Poliomyelitis (Acute)
Scarlet Fever
Smallpox
Tetanus
Tuberculosis
Typhoid Fever
Typhus
Whooping Cough
Yellow Fever

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1973

Diseases	Number of cases Notified										
	Age Periods - Years										
	Total cases	0	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 24	25 and over	Age unknown
Food Poisoning....	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Infective Jaundice	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Measles	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis .	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	8	2	-	-	-	1	2	-	2	1	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases During 1973

Age Periods	New Cases			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 4 weeks	-	-	-	-
4 weeks and under 1 year.	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	1	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	1	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	1	-	-
55 - 64 "	1	-	-	-
65 - 74 "	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	3	-	-
	4		-	

There were 4 new cases notified during the year, and at the end of the year there were 39 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 9 cases of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis on the Register.

No action has been necessary relating to Tuberculosis of employees in the milk trade, nor for the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from the disease.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND ALLIED SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

During 1973 the following Local Health Authority Services, provided by the Lancashire County Council were administered by Lancashire County Health Division No. 14.

(a) Local Authority Health and School Health Clinics.
The Clinic serving the district is located at Firs Hall Clinic, Oldham Road, Failsworth (Tel. 061 681 1013). This will be replaced when construction of the Health Centre on Ashton Road West is completed.

(b) Health Visiting and School Nursing Service.
The staff are based at the Clinic mentioned above.

(c) District Nursing Services.

(d) Midwifery Service including Antenatal Clinics

(e) Vaccination and Immunisation Service
- available at the local Clinic or by arrangement with local General Practitioners.

(f) Ambulance Service.
Vehicles serving the district are based on the Middleton and Crompton Ambulance Stations and are under Radio Control from the Whitefield Ambulance Control Centre (Telephone 766 6666).

(g) Certain "Care and After Care" services including Chiropody, Cervical Cytology, Laundry and Incontinence Pad services.

The Lancashire Executive Council was responsible for General Practitioner, General Dental, Ophthalmic and Pharmaceutical Services provided under the National Health Service Act.

There are no General Hospitals in the District and the majority of residents requiring Hospital/Specialist services were admitted to hospitals (Oldham and District General Hospital and Oldham Royal Infirmary) under control of the Oldham Hospital Management Committee. This hospital group has facilities for investigation /treatment of most groups of patients. Cases of Acute Infectious Disease are normally admitted to Monsall Hospital Manchester. A proportion of residents are admitted to both General and Special Hospitals in Manchester.

Lancashire County Council Social Services Department were responsible during 1973 for the following services, which are locally administered by the Divisional Director, Social Services, Division 8, Prospect House, Main Road, Oldham.

(a) Day Nursery Service
(b) Registration of Child Minders and Playgroups
(c) The Home Help Service
(d) The Mental Health Service
(e) Welfare of the Handicapped and Blind
(f) Local Authority Services forthe Elderly including Residential Care
(g) Convalescent Care
(h) Children's Acts and related legislation.

From 1st April 1974 The Oldham Area Health Authority (main offices - St. Peters House, Oldham) will assume responsibility for all existing Hopsital Services; Executive Council services (General Practitioners, Dentists, Chemists etc); Clinic and Domiciliary personal health services and School Health Services within the new Oldham Metropolitan District.

The Oldham Metropolitan District will have direct responsibility for the existing Environmental Health Services (including Communicable Disease Control, Housing Conditions, Clean Air, Refuse Collection, Food Hygiene) and also for Social Services within the Metropolitan District.

Generally speaking therefore, from 1st April 1974.

(a) The Public Health Inspectorate and allied staff will by employed in the Environmental Health Section of the Oldham Metropolitan District Council.

(b) Present "Social Service" Department staff and establishments including Homes for Elderly, Day Nurseries, Adult training Centres will pass to the control of the Social Services Committee of the Oldham Metropolitan District Council.

(c) Medical, Dental, Nursing, Paramedical, Administrative and Clerical staff presently employed within County Health Division 14 will be employed by the new Oldham Area Health Authority.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

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Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Failsworth.

March 1974.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Mr. Chairman, Madam, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the services affecting the environment of the District and the work done by the Staff of the Health Department during 1973.

This year's Report is necessarily brief due to the unavailability of statistics and lack of time to extract certain figures from the Department's records.

On the 1st November 1973 the Failsworth No. 11 Smoke Control Order came into operation thus completing 100% coverage of Failsworth by Smoke Control Orders. This Order covering approximately three times the previous average of number of premises caused an extremely heavy workload on the Department's staff during the months following confirmation.

The Refuse Collection Service was well maintained throughout the year with only occasional delays due to holidays and sickness.

Finally I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for the assistance I have received from the Councillors, Dr. Brackenridge, and all the members of the Health Department staff.

JACK B. SIMPSON
SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND
CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

All dwellinghouses in the District are supplied direct from water mains. The District is supplied by the West Pennine Water Board and Manchester Corporation.

Thirty-two samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination by the water undertakings. All samples were reported to be satisfactory.

The occasional report is still being received of low water pressure due to furring up of service pipes, but themajority of bad pressures have been relieved by the owners' co-operation in the chemical cleansing of the pipes.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The River Medlock adjoins the Water Pollution Control Centre, and receive sewage effluent. It flows along the South-East border of the District. On the opposite boundary of the District is the Moston Brook which flows into the River Irk.

A smaller brook, names Lord's Brook, flows into the Medlock and another small stream occurs near the Cemetery.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

All drains are examined before being covered in, and smoke or water tests applied where applicable.

The sewers in the district are partly brick and partly pipe. Most of the storm water finds its way into the sewers. They are periodically flushed and are ventilated by open manholes and gratings. House drains are well trapped and soil pipes are properly ventilated. The sewage is treated at the Council's Water Pollution Control Centre which has been reconstructed. The dry-weather flow of sewage exceeds 1,750,000 gallons per day.

CLOSET ACCOMODATION

The following table shows the appropriate number of the various sanitary conveniences in the district at the close of the year.

CLOSETS	Houses and shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'ds	Factories	TOTALS
Privy Midden closets	-	-	-	-
Pail Closets	1	-	-	1
Waste Water Closets	-	-	-	-
Trough Closets	-	-	-	-
Fresh Water Closets	9,680	230	665	10,575
TOTALS	9,681	230	665	10,576

The following table shows the approximate number of various refuse receptacles:-

REFUSE RECEPTACLES	Houses and shops	Public B'd'gs & Rec. G'ds	Factories	TOTALS
Privy middens	-	-	-	-
Dry Ashpits	-	-	-	-
Dustbins	9,450	124	193	9,767
TOTALS	9,450	124	193	9,767

PUBLIC CLEANSING

During 1973 one Karrier Bantam 20 cu. yd. Ramillies and two Karrier Gamecock 25 cu. yd. Ramillies rear loading compression vehicles were in regular use for domestic refuse and a Karrier Bantam dual tip rear loading vehicle was used for shop and bulky refuse. One Karrier Bantam 20 cu. yd Ramillies rear loader and one Karrier Bantam 10/11 cu. yd. side loader were used as spare vhicles.

The incentive bonus scheme covering refuse collection and refuse disposal workers continued in force throughout the year but experience proved that there was insufficient cover for holidays, sickness and absenteeism and an additional refuse collector was employed with effect from 1st April 1973.

The amended establishment of the Cleansing Section comprised of a foreman, three domestic round drivers, nine refuse collectors, three driver/loaders and one loader to operate the trade and bulky refuse round and act as spare man to cover for sickness, absenteeism and holidays and two tip attendants.

Refuse is collected from approximately 8,767 premises and a regular weekly collection has been maintained apart from holiday periods.

A free collection of household refuse too bulky to be put into the dustbin has been in operation for some years and has been continued under the incentive bonus scheme. The number of collections made during the year was 1,124.

The Council have operated a scheme for the maintenance of the dustbins as a charge upon the general rate fund since 1st April 1949; 893 dustbins were provided under the scheme during the past year.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on low lying land near Broadway, adjoining the Manchester Boundary.

An International 100B tractor with a forward loading bucket was used to control the tip together with a Bedford lorry which was taken out of service by the Engineer and Surveyor and which is used to carry cover dug out from the old tip.

There was only one pail closet in existence at the commencement of the year. This pail was emptied along with a number of chemical closets installed by the Lancashire County Council in the homes of housebound patients.

ABANDONED AND UNWANTED MOTOR CARS

Eighteen old motor cars were removed and disposed of during the year.

SWILL BOILING PLANTS

Twenty inspection were made to eight Waste Food Boiling Plants registered under the Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957.

DISINFESTATION

Ninety-eight houses were treated with insecticides containing D.D.T., Dieldrin, Arprocarb, Gammaxane, Dichlorvos, and Pyrethrins. Thirty-seven were infested with Cockroaches.

There were ten infestations of bugs and six infestations of fleas discovered during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained Rodent Operator is employed on this work, although during the year there were two periods when the work was carried out by other members of the staff due to resignations of Rodent Operators and difficulty encountered in engaging new employees.

The South East Lancashire Advisory Committee meets twice yearly, under the auspices of the Divisional Pests Officer; joint action is planned between representatives when necessary.

The following table shows the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the period under review:-

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	9,730	15
(b) No. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	370	-
(c) No. of (b) infested by - Rats	136	-
Mice	234	-
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats/mice for reasons other than notification	-	-
(e) No. of (d) infested by - Rats	-	-
Mice	-	-

DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1972

DWELLINGHOUSES	No.
Defective wall plaster	13
Defective plaster ceilings	8
Floors and stairs	8
Doors, windows and cords	189
Damp walls	56
Waste pipes and channels	8
Roofs	35
Pointing and brickwork to walls	116
Yard Paving and Paths	39
Rainwater Pipes and eavesgutters	56
Drains cleansed or repaired	6
Defective W.C. apparatus and buildings	10
Defective flues and chimney stacks	37
Defective water supply and cisterns	1
Defective sinks	11
Miscellaneous	18
Defective Ashbins	893

FACTORIES	
Unsuitable or defective sanitary accomodation	1

FOOD PREMISES	
Cleansing	12
Structural defects	20

COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED	
Total No.	227

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are no licenced sites within the District.

CLEAN AIR

During the year 19 smoke observations were made regarding the emission of dark smoke from factory chimneys and from bonfires at industrial premises. There was very little infringement of the Dark Smoke (Permitted Period) Regulations, 1958 and it was not necessary to take any legal action. There were a few emissions of dark smoke observed from bonfires at industrial premises in contravention of the Clean Air Act, 1956 and warnings were given t o the offenders.

The Council is a member of the South East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee for the Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution and Noise, comprising 38 Authorities. Apparatus to measure pollution is installed at 43 sites within the region, one of these being situated in what was, until October 1973, the Health Department.

The Failsworth No. 11 Smoke Control Order, 1972, came into operation on 1st November 1973, and with the operation of this, the final Smoke Control Order to be made by Failsworth Urban District Council the whole of the District became covered by Smoke Control Orders.

SCHOOLS

There were twelve schools in the District at the end of the year.

County Modern Secondary Lower School (Partington Street);
County Modern Secondary Higher School (Brierley Avenue);
Mather Street County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
Stansfield Road County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
Stansfield Road County School (Juniors Annexe) Mersey Road;
South Failsworth County School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
St. John's Church of England (Junior Mixed and Infants)
Ashton Road East;
St. John's Church of England School (Junior Mixed) James Street;
Holy Trinity Church of England School (Junior Mixed and Infants);
St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, Clive Road (Junior Mixed and Infants);
St. Mary's Roman Catholic School (Senior Mixed;
Woodhouses Voluntary Primary School.

All schools are provided with piped water supply and are on the water carriage system.

HOUSING

Number of dwellings erected during the year:

	Houses	Flats
(a) By Local Authority	-	70
(b) By Other Local Authorities	-	-
(c) By Other bodies or persons	11	-

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year:

1. Number of houses found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit 51

2. Total number of dwellinghouses existing at the end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:

   (a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) 76

   (b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made 260

Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

1. Number of dwellinghouses included in Clearance Areas represented to the Council..... 50

2. Number of dwellinghoused demolished during the year:-

   (a) Unfit houses 4

   (b) Other Houses ..... NIL

   (c) Number of persons displaced 54

   (d) Number of families displaced 20

Houses not included in Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1957)

1.	Number of houses represented to the Council as being unfit	6
2.	Houses demolished or closed during the year:-	
(a)	Houses demolished as a result or formal or informal procedure Section 17(1)	4
(b)	Closed under Section 16(4), 17(1), 35(1)	NIL
(c)	Parts of Buildings closed (Section 18)	NIL
(d)	Closed as a result of Closing Orders under Section 17(3) and 26	NIL
(e)	Persons displaced	2
(f)	Families displaced	2

Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied:-

(a)	After informal action by Local Authority	26
(b)	After service of formal Notice under:	
	Public Health Acts - By owner	NIL
	By Local Authority	NIL
	Housing Act 1957 (Sections 9 and 16) - by owner	1
	- by Local Authority	1
(c)	After action under Section 24 - Housing Act 1957	
	Houses reconstructed, enlarged or improved and Demolition Orders Revoked	NIL

Unfit Houses in temporary use (Housing Act, 1957)

(a)	Number of houses at end of year retianed for temporary accomodation	NIL
(b)	Number of separate dwellings contained in (1) above)	NIL
(c)	Number of houses at end of year licenced for temporary occupation	NIL

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 AND HOUSING ACT, 1969

Improvement Grants etc.

	No. of dwellings or Other buildings affected in schemes of		
	Owner Occupied	Others	Local Authority
Action during year:-			
(a) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority	254	22	____
(b) Approved by Local Authority	212	12	____
(c) Submitted by Local Authority to Department of the Environment	-	-	-
(d) Finally approved by Department of Environment	-	-	-
(e) Works completed	118	8	-
(f) Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above	-	-	-
(g) Any other action taken under the Acts, e.g. General Improvement Areas (give brief particulars)	NONE		

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 AND HOUSING ACTS, 1961, 1964, and 1969

Standard Grants:

	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected	
	Owner Occupied	Others
Action during year:		
1. Applications submitted to Local Authority for improvement to:		
(a) full standard	100	16
(b) reduced standard	-	-
2. Total applications approved by Local Authority for improvement to:		
(a) full standard	58	21
(b) reduced standard	-	-
3. Works completed	62	22
4. Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings	Nil	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1969 AND HOUSING FINANCE ACT, 1972 - Qualification Certificates

Applications were received in connection with 7 houses which have Standard Amenities, for Qualification Certificates to enable the Landlord to apply to the Rent Officerfor the tenancies to be converted to Regulated Tenancies.

28 Qualification Certificates were granted during the year, mainly following extensive works of repair and further improvement was apparent in the areas in which groups of these houses were situated.

Applications were also received for Provisional Qualification Certificates in respect of 6 houses lacking the Standard Amenities, 1 such Provisional Qualification Certificate being granted during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Section 16 and the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.,) Regulations, 1959 and 1963

Ice Cream

No. of premises registered to sell Ice Cream	73
No. of Inspections	55

Sausages and Preserved Food

No. of premises registered for the preparation of sausages etc	14
No. of inspections	14

The premises and storage accommodation were found to be maintained in a satisfactory condition.

Meat and Other Foods

No. of premises in the district at the end of 1972.

Type of business	(a) No. of Premises	(b) No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 16 (Wash-Hand Basins)	(c) No. of premises to which Regulation 19 applies (Sinks)	(d) No. of premises fitted to comply with Regulation 19
General grocers and provision dealers	47	47	44	44
Greengrocers and fruiterers including those selling wet fish, game etc	22	22	22	22
Meat Shops (Butchers and purveyors of cooked meats, etc)	17	17	17	17
Bakers and Confectioners	12	12	12	12
Fried Fish Shops	19	19	19	19
Shops selling mainly sugar, confectionery, minerals, ice cream, etc.	37	37	-	-
Licenced premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars, and similar catering establishments	55	55	55	55

Bye-laws for securing the observance of Sanitary and Cleanly conditions and Practices in connection with Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air came into operation on the 17th July, 1950, and the provisions are generally well observed.

Meat and Other Food - continued

There are no licenced Slaughterhouses in the District.

Butcher's shops were regularly inspected. Premises and equipment were generally maintained at a high standard of cleanliness and the provision of the Food Hygiene regulations well observed.

The following table gives the quantity of meat and other foods seized or surrendered during the year upon being found unfit for human consumption:-

	Weight condemned				
	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	lbs	Ozs.
Meat and Offal	-	1	2	21	8
Dry Food and Cereal	-	-	-	18	8
Fresh Fruit and Vegetables	4	18	2	0	0
Canned and Bottled Food	-	-	2	25	14
	5	0	0	8	14

	Galls.	Pts.
Ice Cream	6	6.7

BAKEHOUSES

There are 7 bakehouses in the District at the present time. All were frequently inspected, and were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and results of samples taken by them during the year are not yet available.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The only offensive trade in the district is a tripe boiling premises which has been in existence for a considerable time.

The premises have been kept under constant supervision in an effort to maintain them at a reasonable standard.

RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 to 1951

There are no premises in the District at which rag flock is manufactured, used, or sold.

SWIMMING BATHS

There are no swimming baths in the District. Failsworth residents use the baths in the Adjoining district of Manchester, Oldham and Chadderton.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections, for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number of			
	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	6	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	4	4	-	-
TOTALS	83	10	-	-

2. Defects found.

Premises	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT - Number of Outworkers in the District

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Classes of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the year	Total Number of Registered Premises at end of Year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection
Offices	-	13	1
Retail Shops	4	64	26
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses.....	-	5	-
Catering Establishments open to public, canteens	1	19	7
Fuel Storage Depots ...	-	-	-

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITS TO REGISTERED PREMISES - 74

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of person employed
Offices	357
Retail Shops	689
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	471
Catering Establishments open to the public	135
Canteens	47
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	1,699
TOTAL MALES	658
TOTAL FEMALES	1,041

EXEMPTIONS - IN RELATION TO SPACE, TEMPERATURE, SANITARY AND WASHING FACILITIES

No. of Exemptions current at end of 1973	NIL
No. of Applications for Exemptions	NIL
No. of Applications refused or Exemptions withdrawn during the year	NIL
No. of Applications granted or extended during the year	NIL
Prosecutions during year	NIL

BYE-LAWS AND ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Cemetery Regulations and Charges (with amendments 1941, 1949, and 1963).....	March 1928.
Tents, Vans and Sheds and Similar Structures	12th October, 1928.
Parks and Pleasure Grounds	4th February, 1948.
Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air	17th July, 1950.
Lancashire County Council - Good Rule and Government and Prevention of Nuisances	1st May, 1954
Private Slaughterhouses - Sanitary Conditions and Management	1st October, 1956.
Prohibiting the putting of Litter into Streams	1st March, 1956.
Clean Air Act, 1956 - Section 24 Appliances in New Buildings	1st September, 1958.
Hackney Carriages	1st August 1961.
Removal Through the Streets of Offensive and Noxious Matter or Liquids	1st October 1961.
Nuisances and Keeping of Animals	1st July, 1962.
Failsworth Urban District Council (Control or Dogs on Roads) (No. 1 Order), 1969	1st September, 1969.
Public Library (Section 19 of the Public Libraries and Museums Act, 1964)	31st January, 1967.
The Public Health Acts Amendments Act, 1890:-	
Part III	1st June, 1896.
Part IV	1st August, 1912
The Public Libraries Acts, 1892 and 1901	1st December, 1903.
The Private Streets Works Act, 1892	1st April, 1907.
The Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907:-	
Section 86	31st December, 1912.
Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 (Part II)	21st March,1913.
* Section 30 is subject to certain conditions and adaptations	
Section 95 (Part X)	21st March, 1923.
Section 76 and 77 Comprised in Part VI.....	18th July, 1922.
Section 19	1944
The Public Health Act, 1925:-	
Part II except Sections 21 and 22	1st June, 1926.
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899 - 1923	2nd April, 1947.
Sunday Entertainments Act, 1932 (Extension to Failsworth of Section 1)	1949.
Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951	27th March, 1952.
Private Places of Entertainment (Licencing) Act, 1967	9th October, 1967.
The Theatres Act, 1968	1st June, 1969.